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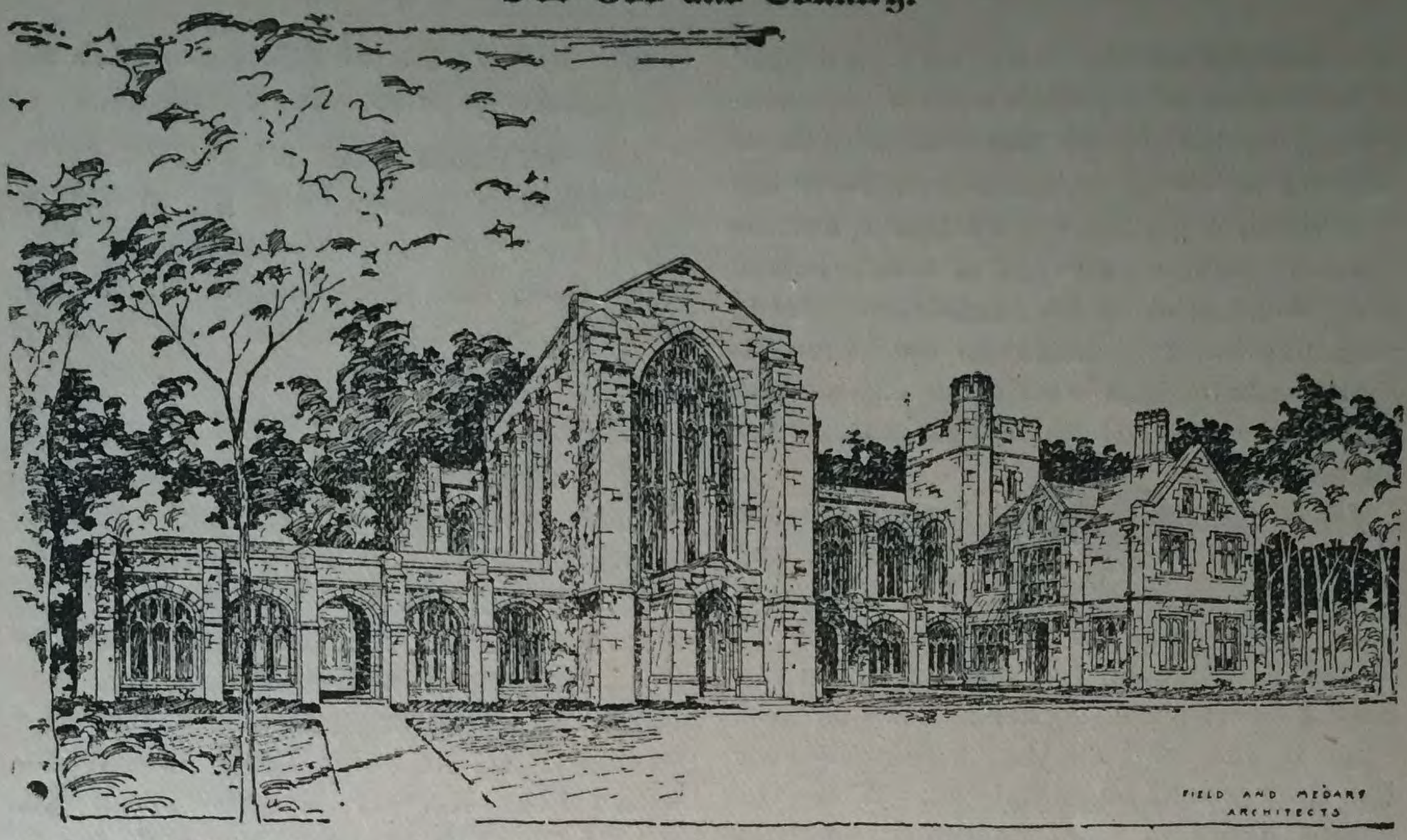

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory or Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Fiftieth Anniversary of President Lincoln's First Call for Defenders.

When President Roosevelt made his notable Valley Forge Address in the temporary Washington Memorial Chapel on June 19, 1904, he compared and contrasted Gettysburg and Valley Forge, "Gettysburg, which saw the high tide of the Rebellion—Valley Forge, which saw the getting beyond the danger point of the Revolution."

He said: "There have been two great crises in our national history—two crises where failure meant the absolute breaking asunder of the nation—one, the Revolutionary War; one, the Civil War. If the men who took to arms in '76 for national independence had failed, then not merely would there never have been a national growth on this continent, but the whole spirit of nationality for the younger lands of the world would have perished still-born. If the men of '61 had failed in the great struggle for national unity, it would have meant that the work done by Washington and his associates might almost or quite as well have been left undone. There would have been no point in commemorating what was done at Valley Forge if Gettysburg had not given us the national right

to commemorate it. If we were now split up into a dozen wrangling little communities, if we lacked the power to keep away here on our own continent, within our own lines, or to show ourselves a unit as against foreign aggression, then, indeed the Declaration of Independence would read like empty sound, and the Constitution would not be worth the paper upon which it was written, save as a study for antiquarians."

These words were the inspiration for the erection of the Defenders' Gate, and after years of thought and effort both purpose and progress became apparent, when, on Memorial Day, 1910, with an imposing service the corner-stone was laid. Then it was the hope that within the year the Gate would be completed. While the Grand Army of the Republic officially endorsed the work, and Posts gave for the erection of this great memorial, little could be done, especially as other work so fully taxed the time and strength of those interested in its erection. Progress was made, however, and on the morning of the fiftieth anniversary of President Lincoln's first call for Defenders of the Union the first stone of the Lincoln Arch was laid. The Rev. W. Herbert Burk officiated.

Thus with prayer and faith we have taken another step forward. Every patriot who is grateful for a united nation ought to feel it a duty and count it a privilege to help carry this work forward. The Posts are answering the roll call of patriotism, and each week the honor list grows larger. It already contains the names of the following Posts:

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We look to you to make this work known. Mr. George C. Thomas saw that the fitting time for the erection of the Virginia Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies was the year 1907, when the nation was celebrating the Ter-centenary of the founding of Jamestown and the planting of English civilization on these shores, and he built the Bay. This is the year of years in which to erect the Defenders' Gate and there ought to be no lack of either enthusiasm or money for this great national monument expressive of a Nation's gratitude for unity, prosperity and peace.

Washington's Marquee.

Last winter the Rev. Mr. Burk had Washington's Marquee removed from the Valley Forge Museum and set up on the snow clad ground that it might be photographed. Every effort was made to reproduce the circumstances under which the tent was first erected here in the winter of 1777. The poles were those used by Washington's Guard in erecting the Commander's tent, and so were most of the tent pins. A storm of sleet and snow added to the realism of the setting. Excellent photographs were made by Mr. Bussa and Mr. Burk, and these were copyrighted.

This unique picture has been used by the Taylor Art Company for the production of a colored postal. The artist has added the Commander-in-chief's standard. The card is a beautiful piece of work, and will rank with the card of the Cloister of the Colonies, which has been so greatly admired.

A Valley Forge Plate.

Mr. Gus Egolf, of Norristown, has had made a Valley Forge plate. The decoration, which consists of Valley Forge views, is in blue on a white ground. The center is a picture of Washington's Headquarters, with the words "Valley Forge. 1777-78." On the deep border are the following: Wayne Monument, Washington at Prayer, Waterman Monument, Letitia Penn School, Washington Memorial Chapel, Soldiers' Hut. On the bottom of the plate are the words of Cyrus Townsend Brady, which are used in all Washington Chapel publications. The plates are made by the Rowland & Marcellus Co., Straffordshire, England.

The Washington Memorial Chapel in Union with the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The 127th Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was held in Philadelphia in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany on May 9th and 10th. The Rev. Mr. Burk, on the first day, presented the charter of the Washington Memorial Chapel, which was referred to the Committee on Charters. This committee made a favorable report on the following day, and the new parish was formally admitted to union with the Convention. The secretary duly called the name of the parish, and then the names of the three delegates, Messrs. Thomas H. Dobson, Chas. Wells Walker and Nathan B. Hughes. Unfortunately Mr. Hughes was unable to be present.

The Church Clubs held their annual conference in Philadelphia on the 2d and 3d of May. Their program included a visit to Valley Forge, and the trip was made in automobiles under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Burk, who made a brief address in the Chapel. An interesting feature of the trip was the presence of Major Deakyne, who has been appointed by the Secretary of War to superintend the erection of the national arch at Valley Forge. Major Deakyne exhibited the design to the delegates, and spoke of the work proposed. Light refreshments were served by members of the Guild to the guests of the day. The Rector cancelled his engagement to speak at New Orleans on Sunday school work in order to welcome the visitors.

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Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

MAY.

21. Fifth Sunday after Easter.
22, 23, 24. Rogation Days.
25. Ascension Day.
10 a. m. Service, sermon and Holy Communion.
28. Sunday after Ascension.
30. Memorial Day.
3.45. Service and address.

JUNE.

1. Meeting of the Convocation of Norristown.
4. Whit-Sunday.
5. Monday in Whitsun-week.
6. Tuesday in Whitsun-week.
7. Ember Day.
2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Guild.
9. Ember Day.
10. Ember Day.
11. Trinity Sunday.

BURIAL.

April 28. The Reverend Jesse Y. Burk, S. T. D. (reinterment.)

TRANSFERRED.

May 3. Martha Spackman Grubb to the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The first interment in the Washington Memorial Cemetery took place on Friday afternoon, April 28, when the body of the Rev. Jesse Y. Burk, S. T. D., was removed from Woodlands Cemetery and buried at Valley Forge. Dr. Burk's son, the Rector of the parish, read the Burial Office.

Mrs. S. Col. Summerill and Miss Hannah Paxson Kirkbride have been appointed to look after the vestments of the choristers.

The masons began work on the lodge of the Defenders' Gate on Wednesday, April 26. After working for several days the foundations were completed to the sill line, and since then work has been suspended. As soon as the frames are ready the masons will resume the erection of the lodge.

"The friendship I have conceived will not be impaired by absence; but it may be no unpleasing circumstance to brighten the chain by a renewal of the covenant."—Washington.

"Only he who lives a life of his own can help the lives of other men."—Phillips Brooks.

The Organization of the Vestry.

The Deed for the Cemetery Presented.

The newly-elected Vestry met on Tuesday, April 25th, and organized by electing the following officers: Warden, Mr Charles Wells Walker; Treasurer, Mr Frank Quigg; Secretary, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, declining re-election, Mr. S Col. Summerill; Delegates to Convention, Messrs. Thomas H. Dobson, Nathan B. Hughes, Charles Wells Walker; Treasurer of the Building Fund, Mrs. Leslie Jefferis; Treasurer of the Cemetery, Mr Frank Quigg. Mr. Burk appointed Mr. Clayland Stephens Walker, Rector's Warden.

The Rev. Mr. Burk on behalf of the owners of the cemetery tract, presented the deed for the twenty acres, which they had held for the Chapel. These were Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Mr. Frank Quigg, Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jefferis, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells Walker. The tract is subject to a mortgage of $2500. The Vestry adopted a fitting resolution, and voted to secure bids for opening the main driveway.

The following contracts for work on the Lodge were confirmed: Evans & Boyer, masonry, $1722; William M. Sullivan, cut stone, $2446.

A meeting of the congregation was held on the third of May to further the work on the cemetery and the Defenders' Gate. The Rector reported on the progress of the work. To enable the Vestry to secure on the most advantageous terms, money for the erection of the lodge, securities worth more than $6000 were pledged as collateral, and Mr. Chas. Wells Walker, Mr. Frank Quigg and Mr. Nathan B. Hughes were appointed a committee to see other members of the congregation and to negotiate the loan. The offers made were in sums of $1000 and $500. The Rector will pay the interest on the loan out of his salary as rent. It is estimated that the lodge will cost $8000.

A number of the members of the parish met at the Rector's residence on April 20 to make new vestments for the choir. Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich, who has given all the choir vestments, most generously provided the material. The work was carried on for several days, and the result was apparent in the proper vesting of the choristers. All the workers enjoyed the social feature of the sewing days, and the hope was expressed that other occasions might be found for such united efforts.

Communion Silver.

The Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, received its first Communion silver yesterday, when Miss Elle T. Lundy, of Bronxville, N. Y., presented a solid silver chalice and paten. These are very chaste in design. The chalice has a sexagonal base and stem, and on the base are engraved the Washington arms and the insignia of the Colonial Dames. Underneath is reproduced the inscription from the insignia of the society, worn by Miss Lundy's mother, in whose memory the silver is given. It is as follows: "Mary S. Lundy, No. 25, Pennsylvania 1892. Virtues majorum filiae conservunt. The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

The paten is perfectly plain, but is lined with gold. On the underside there are engraved an ornamental cross and the arms of the Washington Memorial Chapel, with the words: "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

The service consisted of Evening Prayer and the prayers of dedication. There was no address. During the singing of "America" Jane and Margaret Todd, members of the choir, left the stalls and went to Miss Lundy's pew to receive the silver. As it was presented the offertory sentence was

sung: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." This was followed by the dedicatory prayers. The Rev. W. Herbert Burk officiated and the vested choir, under the leadership of Miss Mary M. Hibbs, took part in the service. The members of the congregation met Miss Lundy at the close of the service and expressed their hearty appreciation of her generous gift.

History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER XII.

[Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 14, 1850.]

The army were now partially sheltered from the inclemency of the wind and weather, but still the prospect was far from being a bright one, for "shadows, clouds and darkness" rested upon it. For many weeks after they suffered for want of food, blankets and clothes, particularly shoes. Provisions of all kinds were nearly exhausted, their blankets nearly worn out, their clothes, not only tattered and torn, but from long use worn threadbare and scarcely holding together, and the prospect of a further supply, from the reduced state of the country, very precarious. But their greatest suffering was for want of shoes. I have often heard it related, by many persons living in the neighborhood, that they had seen the snow and ground over which the soldiers had to pass in performing the duties of the camp, marked with the blood that flowed from their feet, and while they have beheld these things, and looked upon the objects of suffering, shivering with cold, and suffering from hunger, which it was not in their power fully to relieve, they have admired the magnanimity and firmness with which they bore all their trials. In addition to these just narrated, there were many other hardships they had to undergo; that cruel scourge, the smallpox, was introduced into the camp, threatening to destroy all who had not been inoculated.

Owing to neglect or inability on the part of Congress, the commissary department became so exhausted that there was, at one time, not a day's provisions of any kind on hand and absolute famine threatened them. Some of the troops had been a week, and others three or four days, without a mouthful of animal food of any kind. Yet, under all these discouragements, they patiently endured their sufferings for several weeks without a murmur. To enumerate all their sufferings that I have heard related would swell these narrations to an unreasonable length. I shall, therefore, omit many things which, if inserted, would be tautologous.

I shall now briefly refer to a disposition which many among them began to manifest; to leave the army and return to their homes. This disposition had been created and fostered by some leading demagogues, circulating anonymous letters among them, censuring Congress on account of not providing them with the necessaries they required, and secretly encouraging them to revolt and forsake the cause they had epoused. A favorable time to effect their object had been embraced, when the affairs of Congress were at their lowest ebb and the army in the distressed condition just described, and the country surrounding the encampment, upon the bounty of which some of them had for some time been supported, had become nearly destitute of provisions and other necessaries. Their love for their Commander-in-Chief and other officers and their devotion to the cause of their country's freedom, had thus far kept them united together and it was now only the influence of Washington that prevented an open revolt. He reasoned patiently with them on the impropriety of leaving the army and lost no time in representing their sufferings to Congress. They agreed to continue with him without reputiny. At this particular juncture

of time such was the scarcity of means for transporting the supplies for the use of the army that the soldiers and even some of the officers, like beasts of burden, performed with cheerfulness, the duties of providing and carrying wood, provisions and other necessaries for the use of their suffering companions, for there were at this time nearly three thousand persons so destitute of clothing as to be unfit for duty; fires had to be kept up during the night to prevent them from perishing with cold, and many others from sickness and wounds were crowded into hospitals and private houses, claiming that attention necessary on such occasions but which on account of the destitute condition of the government they could not fully receive.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Needs of the Tea Room.

Serving trays.
Paper napkins.
Bread knife.
Ice pick.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held on Wednesday, May 3d, in the Parish House. After the usual order of business the question of the purchase of the winter's coal came up for consideration. A plan of collectors was suggested and adopted. Each collector has a specified list and territory to cover, asking from each contributor 10 cents per month toward the coal. Mrs. Charles W. Walker is chairman of the committee, and will gladly receive contributions. It was further decided to hold the Rummage Sale on May 13th. The meeting then adjourned to serve refreshments to the visiting delegates from the Church Clubs.

The Tea Room has received a most generous donation from Mrs. Chas. Lukens, of Conshohocken, a dozen and a half most attractive individual blue tea pots

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Headquarters Feby. 8th 1778
Major General tomorrow ....Lord Sterling
Brigadier.....Woodford
Field officer.....Colo. Webb
Brigade Major.....Haskill

At the same court, January 23d, William Moddock an Inhabitant of the State of Pennsylvania tryd for attempting to drive cattle into the enemy found Guilty of the charge being a breach of the aforementioned and sentenced to pay the sum of one hundred pounds and to be confine in the Provost Guard house until this sum is paid in the manner aforesaid—At the same Court martial Jny 20 Joseph Edwards an Inhabitant of the State of Pennsylvania Tryd for attempting to drive cattle into the enemy found Guilty of the charge being a breach as aforesaid and sentenced to pay the sum of one hundred pounds and be confined in the Provost Guard til that sum is paid the Adjt. Genl., out of which 20 dollars shall be paid each of the light horse men who apprehended the prisoners as an Incouragement for their activity and good behavior and the residue to the use of the sick in camp.

At a General Court Martial whereof Colo. Wigglesworth was President Feby 4th 1778 Philip Kirk tryd for supplying the enemy with provisions found Guilty and sentenced to be confined in sum Goal in this State during the enemys stay in it, and both his real & personal estate taken from him for the Use of the United States of America. at the same court Jno. Williamson Tryd for supplying the enemy with Cattle found Guilty of the Charge and sentenced to receive 250 lashes on his bare back well laid on.

At the same Court David Dunn Tryd for Supplying the Enemy with Cattle found Guilty & sentenced to receive 250 lashes on his bare back well laid on—at the same Court James Brown Tryd

for communication with the City of Philadelphia and acquitted.

at the same Court Jacob Gibson Tryd for selling sheap to a butcher of Philadelphia and acquitted of the charge.

at the same court, Daniel Williamson Tryd for taking sheep into the City of Philadelphia was found Guilty of the charges, being a breach as afore sd and was sentenced to receive 200 lashes on his bare back.

The Commander-in-Chief approves the afforegoing sentences so far as they relate to corporal punishment and Imprisonment but remits the remainder, being of opinion that the confiscation of propererty is a matter cognisable by martial Law. The sentences of whipping to be put in execution to-morrow morning at Guard Mounting on the Grand parade A Surgeon from Genl Patterson Brigade to attend and see that the criminals do not receive more lashes than their strength can bear.

To-morrow being appointed for opening the Market at the Stone Chimney Piquet the army is desired to take notice that the same market will be held at the same place every monday and Thursday the east side of the Schuylkill near the new bridge; near the Adj. General's every wednesday and Saturday stated prices having been affixed to the several articles mentioned in the hand bill by a board of Genl officers the same are to be strictly adheared too Printed hand bills with the regulations at large will be delivered by the A. General to the Brigadiers and officers Commanding Brigades who are desired to have the same read at the head of each regiment in the Brigade and endeavour to convince the officers and soldiers of the necessaty and expediency of observing the same punctually—as a proper person for a Clerk is not yet appointed. The Officers Commanding Piquets at the Stone Chimney is desired to see the regulations of the market observed. he is allso desired to distribute the hand bills among the market people who attend. 'tis expected that the No. will be but few as the prices have not had a sufficient time to circulate through the country.—

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feb'y 9th, 1778.
Parole Alexandria.
C. Signs { Adams / Allen
Major General tomorrow.....B. Kalb
Brigadier General ....Scott
Field officers for detachment.....Colo. Livingston,
Lt. Colo. Bonner and Major Taylor.

On account of the Inclemency of the weather the sentences of Court Martial which were to be put in Execution this morning is postponed till to-morrow morning in the manner as specified in yesterday's orders.

Forty-three Sunday school workers, including the Rev. James B. Halsey, the Rev. Leigh Roy Urban and the Rev. Edward R. Noble, honored the Rector with a "house warming" on Saturday, April 22. Most of the party made a pilgrimage in the rain to the Chapel, where a brief service was held. The teachers of the parish schools insisted on doing the work to add to the pleasure of the visitors, and a bountiful supper was served in the capacious dining room. To Mrs. John Loman the credit is due for this enjoyable outing, which was so admirably planned.

The first pair of andirons to be presented to the Museum came from the Pechin homestead in Philadelphia. They are fine examples of this old art work, and we hope to give some account later of their associations. They are the gift of Miss Anna C. Pechin.

Mrs. John W. Andrews has added to our collection for the furnishings of the kitchen fire place of the olden time a hot cake griddle. This is very large, and was hung on the crane. It was used in the kitchen fire place of the Zook homestead and may have been there when the house was used as the headquarters of the Commissary General and of General Morgan.